

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 LONDON 02839 091703 Z

72

ACTION EUR-10

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ADP-00 NEA-06 PM-03 EB-03 L-02 CIAE-00

INR-09 NSAE-00 RSC-01 NSC-10 NSCE-00 OMB-01 PA-03

PRS-01 RSR-01 /065 W

----- 011698

R 091637 Z MAR 73

FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9557

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

S E C R E T LONDON 02839

LIMDIS

E. O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, SA, UK

SUBJECT: SAUDI TALKS WITH THE BRITISH

1. PRINCE FAH' D'S ASSISTANT MALHAS BRIEFED US MARCH 8 ON FAH' D TALKS WITH BRITISH. BRIEFING WAS SUPERFICIAL AND CONTAINED NOTHING NEW TO ADDRESSEES. HE COVERED SAUDI- UAE RELATIONS, OMAN, AND YEMEN. ON YEMEN, HE CONFIRMED HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT BRITISH ARE STUDYING SAUDI REQUEST FOR MORE BRITISH ASSISTANCE TO YAR. HE WAS NON- COMMITTAL AS TO WHO WOULD PAY.

2. MALHAS POINTED OUT GOOD DEAL OF BRITISH INTEREST IS CONCENTRATED ON ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF RELATIONSHIP THESE DAYS. FAH' D HAD BEEN PLEASED PM HEATH INSISTED ON HAVING FAH' D FOR SUNDAY LUNCH AT COUNTRY RESIDENCE. LUNCH FOR FAH' D ATTENDED BY TOP EXECUTIVES OF MANY BRITISH FIRMS JANUARY 30 ALSO PRESAGED BENEFICIAL RELATIONS TO COME.

3. ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, MALHAS MENTIONED AIR DEFENSE CONTRACT AND PRINCE SULTAN' S UNHAPPINESS WITH BAD JOB

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 LONDON 02839 091703 Z

DONE BY BRITISH COMPANY. BAC WILL STEP IN AS REPLACE-
MENT.

4. MALHAS SAID FAH' D'S VISIT TO PARIS LAST WEEK WAS
PERSONAL. HE DID NOT TALK TO ANY FRENCH OFFICIALS.

ANNENBERG

SECRET

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** LIMDIS

*** Current Classification *** SECRET

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts:
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 MAR 1973
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: sulserja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973LONDON02839
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: XGDS-1
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: LONDON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730323/aaaahhcc.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: sulserja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 JUL 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20-Jul-2001 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <31-Jul-2001 by sulserja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> jms 971112
Subject: SAUDI TALKS WITH THE BRITISH
TAGS: PFOR, SA, UK
To: EUR
JIDDA
PARIS
SECSTATE WASHDC
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005